

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ NO WAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE WATER TRAFFIC, BOATING AND WATER SPORTS UON THE WATERS OF THE WISCONSIN RIVER AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

The Town Board of the Town of Hull, County of Portage, Wisconsin do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Intent. The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interest and the capability of the water resource.

Section 2. Applicability and Enforcement. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the waters of the Wisconsin River within the jurisdiction of the Tow of Hull. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the deputies and, or officers of the water safety patrol of the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

Section 3. State Boating and Water Safety Laws Adopted. The statutory provisions describing and defining regulations with respect to water traffic, boats, boating and related water activities and safety in the following enumerated sections of the Wisconsin Statutes, exclusive of an provisions therein relating to the penalties to be imposed or the punishment for violation of said statutes, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this ordinance.

- 30.50 Definitions
- 30.51 Operation of unnumbered motorboats prohibited
- 30.52 Certificates of number
- 30.53 Identification number to be displayed on boat; certificate to be carried
- 30.54 Transfer of ownership or numbered boat
- 30.55 Notice of abandonment of destruction of boat or change of address
- 30.60 Classification of motorboats
- 30.61 Lighting equipment
- 30.62 Other equipment
- 30.635 Motorboat prohibition
- 30.64 Patrol boats exempt from certain traffic regulations
- 30.65 Traffic rules
- 30.66 Speed restrictions
- 30.67 Accidents and accident report
- 30.675 Distress signal flag
- 30.68 Prohibited operation
- 30.69 Water skiing
- 30.70 Skin diving
- 30.71 Board equipped with toilets

Section 4. Definitions in this ordinance:

- a) 'Shore zone' means all surface water within 200 feet of the shoreline.
- b) 'Swimming zone' means an authorized area marked by regulatory markers to designate a swimming area.
- c) 'Designated anchorage' means an area of water established and marked as an anchorage by lawful authority
- d) 'Public access' means any access to the water by means of public property.
- e) 'Navigation lane' means an area designated by authorized aids to navigation.
- f) 'Slow-no-wake' means the slowest possible speed so as to maintain steerage.

Section 5. Speed Restriction/Restricted Areas.

Wisconsin State Statutes 30.635, 30.66, 30.66(3), 30.68(5), 30.68(7), 30.69(3) and 30.70 are hereby referenced and adopted as part of Section 5 of this ordinance.

In addition, a 'Slow-no-wake' area shall exist throughout the area of the island designated as 'Picnic Island'. This area shall begin 200 yards downriver of Picnic Island and, shall extend throughout the area of Picnic Island and shall end 200 yards upriver of Picnic Island. This area will be signed and buoyed with appropriate markers.

Section 6. Prohibited Operation.

Wisconsin State Statute 30.68 is hereby referenced and adopted as part of Section 6 of this ordinance.

Section 7. Additional Traffic Rules.

Wisconsin State Statute 30.65 is hereby referenced and adopted as part of Section 7 of this ordinance.

Section 8. Motorboat Prohibition.

Wisconsin State Statute 30.635 is hereby referenced and adopted as part of Section 8 of this ordinance.

Section 9. Water Skiing.

Wisconsin State Statute 30.69 is hereby referenced and adopted as part of Section 9 of this ordinance.

Section 10. Skin Diving.

Wisconsin State Statute 30.70 is hereby referenced and adopted as part of Section 10 of this ordinance.

Section 11. Penalties.

All penalties shall be in strict conformance with Section 30.80 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.

Section 12. Amendments.

The Town reserves the right to amend or modify this ordinance from time to time.

Section 13. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

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